rities and bank deposits etc. In November, 1983, Government constituted a Special Approvals Committte (SAC) in the Department of Industrial Development for expeditious clearance of all industrial investment proposals emanating from non-resident Indians. The Reserve Bank of India had also set up some time back a committee to review the existing procedures followed by it and the commercial banks in connection with various facilities under the NRI schemes with a view to further simplify these procedures. The Committee has since submitted its recommendations and Government and RBI have taken steps to implement these recommendations, to the extent possible.

(b) Information, advice and assistance to non-resident Indians in matters relating to investment are given by the Indian missions abroad, branches of Indian banks and overseas offices of the Indian Investment Centre, located in New York. London, Frankfurt, Abu Dhabi, Tokyo and Singapore. The embassies have economic and commercial wings which are supplied with information about the opportunities available to Non-resident Indians for investment in India and they in turn make these available to the Indians abroad. The IIC and the banks function as specialised agencies to do the same job.

(c) Does not arise.

Fertiliser subsidy to small rubber growers

127. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw subsidy on fertilizers to small rubber growers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demand for enhanced commission by the Fair Price Shop Owners

128. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fair Price Shop Owners in Delhi have been pressing for increase in the commission payable to them;

(b) if so, what was the precise demand and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that the Fair Price Shop Owners do not indulge in malpractice to the detriment of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The fair price shop owners have been representing to Delhi Administration for increase in the commission payable to them. Their precise demand was that the commission be increased in view of the price rise and increase in the rent of commercial premise.

Delhi Administration has increased the commission on wheat and rice by Rs. 4 per quintal with effect from 1.2.1986 raising the per quintal commission to Rs. 10.00.

(c) For efficient function of Public Distribution System and to prevent diversion and other malpractices, the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation is delivering wheat, rice and sugar at the doorstep of the fair price shops. Regular raids are conducted by the Enforcement Branch of Delhi Administration *suo moto* or on receipt of complaints. Redressal of consumers' grievances is being given special attention. A programme of regular inspection has been laid down by all field officials.